

## TARGETED INITIATIVES

*Some targeted initiatives have not been allocated in the 2025 Indicative. This funding will be allocated in the 2025 Confirmed SRP release for eligible schools.*

*They include the following:*

- Outside School Hours Care Establishment Grant
- Bilingual Program
- Career Start - TFYTC
- Primary Maths and Science Specialists
- Flexible work for school leaders initiative
- Active School Grants
- Teach Today and Teach Tomorrow Programs
- Specialist School Activity Boost

*Some programs were only a fixed term allocation and expire at the end of 2024. These are will no longer be funded:*

*They include the following:*

- Professional Learning Communities
- CRT Travel Fund
- Bus Coordination funding will no longer be allocated via the SRP and be managed centrally, more information regarding this program will be released shortly.

## COMMENTARY

- Student per Capita , Enrolment Link Base, Small School, Mental Health Practitioners, Camps are similar with Credit up  $\approx 2.39\%$  Cash up  $\approx 2.19\%$ . This is intended to compensate for salary and superannuation increases and CPI.
- No funding for Language and Learning Disabilities Support Program. All schools on Inclusion
- Social Disadvantage – the minimum SFOE threshold lowered from 0.3469 to 0.3397 so more schools will get it in 2024 but Minimum rates up by  $\approx 1.185\%$  and Maximum rates up by  $1.023\%$  These appears to be less than needed to address pay & superannuation rises. As maximum is the lower of the two, it will impact more at the top end.
- Catch Up Level 1 credit up by  $2.016\%$ , Level 2 (credit PSD funded)  $1.019\%$ , both levels cash up about  $1.023\%$
- These appear to be less than needed to address pay & superannuation rises.
- PSD credit up  $\approx 2.39\%$ , transition rate unchanged from 2024
- EAL Thresholds \$s up  $\approx 2.39\%$  Rates up  $\approx 2.39\%$
- Tier 2 Base and variable rate up  $\approx 2.362\%$ , Tier 3 up  $\approx 2.39\%$
- Grounds up from \$0.60 per m<sup>2</sup> to 1.00 per m<sup>2</sup> 66.7% increase which is stunning!
- Building Area allowance up  $\approx 2.24\%$
- Maintenance & Minor Works up  $\approx 5.1\%$
- Workers Compensation unchanged
- P-12 complexity rates up  $\approx 2.39\%$  Aligns with PCB adjustments
- Location Index Base up  $\approx 2.225\%$ , Per student up  $\approx 2.24\%$
- Country Area Program – criteria unchanged. Base up  $2.25\%$  Pers student up  $2.18\%$



- Primary Welfare Officer Threshold unchanged, Base cap and per student up  $\approx 2.39\%$
- Doctor in Schools up 1.389% even though linked to LT level 3.1. Not keeping pace with salary increases if you assume it should be 2.39%
- Respectful Relationships small, medium or large rate locked through 2026. Drops significantly in 2027/28 by  $\approx 40\%$
- Careers Education: Yr 7 Base per student up  $\approx 9.1\%$ , Yr 8 Base per student up  $\approx 10.7\%$ , Yr 9 Base per student up 10%, Yr 10 to 12 per student up  $\approx 13.2\%$
- All minimum allocations unchanged and for Yr 10 -12 SFO threshold is the same
- National Student Wellbeing Program rate unchanged
- Swimming in schools. Changed from \$235 per grade 6 to \$40 per primary enrolment. School decides how to spend it. There is now a base of \$2000 minimum.
- MYLNS amount up  $\approx 2.4\%$
- Students Excellence in Schools down by 11.98% - 12.73%
- VCE Revision Lectures year level rates and location index up by 2.25%
- Job, Skills and Pathways rate up 2.4%
- Tutor Learning Initiative – Floors unchanged. Per funded student rate up 2.39%
- Mental Health in Primary Schools rate is up 2.4% Transition applies if the school had a PW0 in 2024. Bayside Peninsula, Central Highlands, Inner Eastern Melbourne and North Eastern Melbourne come onboard in 2026.
- School Mental Health Fund. The base and rates have not change but the threshold has dropped from 250 to 200 students. There is transition funding for schools between 200 and 250. The split credit to cash has changed from 70/30 to 60/40. Oncosts only apply to the credit portion. Oncosts were 16.9% in 2024 and are 17.35% in 2025. So credit will go down by 1.42% and cash will go up.
- VET Core SRP component up 1.73% and uses the total EFT as a decimal.
- Materials allocation of \$250 or \$450 unchanged but the school generally gets the full amount for  $<1.0$  EFT. Some Cert II and II get more or less than these amounts. It seems to correlate with certificates where you can have greater or less than 180 hours e.g. choosing electives with different hours allocation within the certificate .
- The maximum rate is up 3.09% and capped at 15 enrolments

